

GameVibes: Vibration-based Crowd Monitoring for Sports Games through Audience-Game-Facility Association Modeling

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- **Summary**
- It should include a short summary and then explore the area of the paper. To help you prepare going forward, here are a few questions you can consider including.
- What are major companies that supply products (e.g. software, hardware, etc.) or services (e.g. cloud services like Amazon EC2, training, etc.) relevant to this course topic? Are these well-established companies or startups? Who are the primary customers: individual users, small businesses, large enterprises, etc.? Briefly describe these goods and services.

Isaac

- How is the marketplace segmented? What is the basis of the segmentation? In each segment, which are the major and minor players?
- What is the business model? How do the companies make money? What are the major costs involved? Do these business models trigger any significant policy issues (e.g. privacy)?
- What are the major standards in this arena? Are these official standards or informal standards that have evolved?

Kunal

- Are there capabilities discussed in the research papers for this topic that are missing from the marketplace? What might be the reasons for this gap?
- Does commercial practice reveal important unaddressed research topics? Why have these topics not been investigated?
- Are there significant unmet needs in this space? Why have these needs remained unmet?

Summary - The Problem

Core Problem:

Current crowd monitoring systems in large public venues (stadiums, arenas) fail to balance **accuracy, cost, and privacy**.



Summary - Why is it important

Safety: Prevent disasters like stampedes and riots (e.g., Kanjuruhan Stadium, Seoul Halloween Stampede).

Security: Detect risky crowd dynamics or unusual movement.

Experience: Understand audience engagement and reactions.

Operations: Optimize gate usage, staffing, and facility management.

Summary - Existing Solutions

Method	Pros	Cons
Manual Observation	Direct, human judgment	Costly, delayed, inconsistent
Video / Audio Systems	High accuracy	Privacy concerns, data overload
WiFi / RF Tracking	Wide coverage	Noisy, inconsistent signals
Wearables / Apps	Individual accuracy	Poor scalability
Questionnaires	Social/behavioral insights	Not real-time

Summary - GameVibes Approach

Core Idea:

Use **floor-mounted vibration sensors + contextual modeling** to infer crowd reactions and traffic.

Key Components:

1. **Game Associations (Temporal Context):**
 - Link reactions (clapping, stomping) to **game progress**.
2. **Facility Associations (Spatial Context):**
 - Link traffic flow to **layout features** (doors, food stands).
3. **Neural Network Encoders:**
 - Model the features and relationships within the data to estimate crowd behaviors.



Summary - Why It's Better

1. **Privacy-Friendly:** No images or sound collected.
2. **Low-Cost & Scalable:** Uses inexpensive vibration sensors.
3. **Context-Aware:** Models *why* vibrations happen, not just *when*.
4. **Robust:** Works across different venues and sensor locations.

Results (Stanford Maples Pavilion):

- 0.9 **F1 Score** (crowd reaction detection)
- 9.3 **Mean Absolute Error** (traffic estimation)
- ~10–12% increased accuracy improvement vs. baselines.

Industry Ecosystem

Established Companies:

- **Bosch**: Manufactures IoT and vibration sensors; smart infrastructure analytics.
- **Honeywell**: Building automation, safety systems, and industrial monitoring.
- **Siemens Smart Infrastructure**: Occupancy, motion, and structural sensing for large venues.

Startups:

- **Density.io**: Radar-based, anonymous people-counting sensors for buildings and arenas.

Potential Primary Customers

Large Enterprises:

Stadiums, airports, factories: Operate large facilities needing real-time crowd and safety management systems.

Government / Smart City Planners:

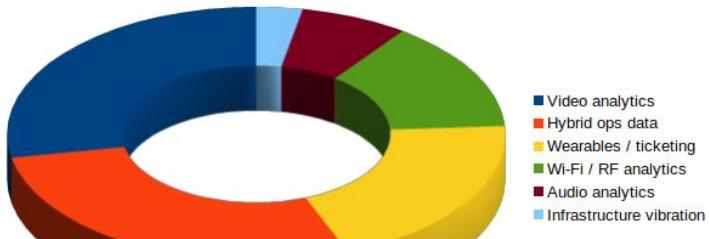
Manage public safety, traffic flow, and smart infrastructure using integrated sensing and analytics.

Event Organizers:

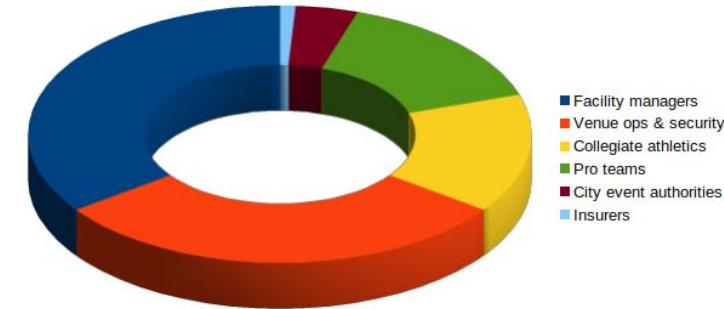
Sports leagues, concerts, and festivals: Use crowd analytics to ensure safety and enhance audience experience.

Market Segmentation: “How is the marketplace segmented?”

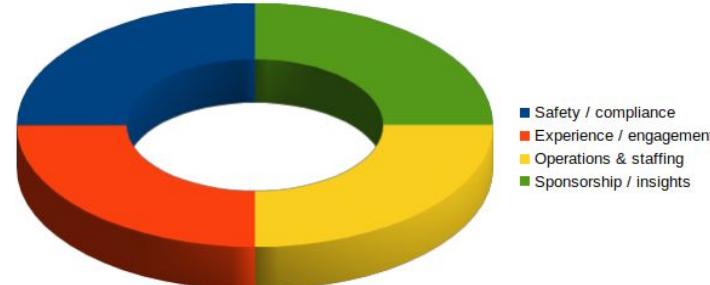
By sensing modality & data source



By buyer



By value proposition



Basis of Segmentation: “What’s the basis?”

Privacy sensitivity



Cost &
deployability



Context integration



Coverage &
granularity

Robustness in
noise / crowds

Players by Segment: “Major players?”

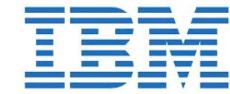


Video analytics



Wearables / ticketing

Hybrid ops data



Audio analytics

Wi-Fi / RF analytics



Infrastructure vibration



Business Models: “How do companies make money? Major costs?”

Revenue models

- Hardware + install
- Software licensing / SaaS
- Data services
- Systems integration / support

Cost drivers

- Hardware CapEx
- Ops OpEx
- Labeling & ground truth collection
- Model development & tuning

Policy & Risk: “Do models trigger policy issues (e.g., privacy)?”

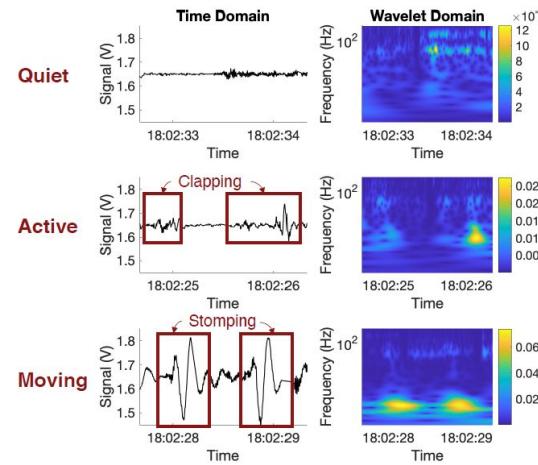
Risk Area	Severity	What It Means	Mitigation
Privacy & Transparency	● Low	No faces/voices captured, but venue must disclose monitoring.	Post clear signage and publish data-use policy.
Data Governance	● Medium	Data could be repurposed if not controlled.	Use retention limits and defined access roles.
Safety & Liability	● High	Alerts imply responsibility to respond.	Define escalation procedures and alert thresholds.
Bias & Fairness	● Medium	Models must work across crowd types & layouts.	Validate performance across varied events.
Cybersecurity	● Medium	Mesh networks must be protected.	Encrypt traffic and segment networks.

Privacy vs. Life??

CCTV or Person Monitoring



Floor vibration Monitoring



The Market Reality

Current Products

- Stadiums deploy AI cameras (e.g., NEC, SAFR) despite privacy pushback
 - Sporting Kansas City facilities
 - UEFA Super Cup Final 2020
- Surveillance acceptance rises *only after* tragedies (e.g., Seoul 2022, Kanjuruhan 2022)

**These commercial tools save lives but sacrifice privacy, What if we didn't have to choose??

Why Market Adoption Lags Behind Research

Barrier	Explanation
 Structural variability	Stadium floors differ; hard to generalize models
 Limited datasets	Few long-term, multi-venue vibration datasets
 ROI uncertainty	Hard to prove cost-benefit to venue operators
 Liability & inertia	Safety tech adoption moves slowly due to regulation

Video Surveillance: Legal but Limited - The Smart Monitoring Gap

- Regulatory Restrictions on AI Features
 - Facial recognition: Banned (EU, 20+ US cities) or requires consent (Illinois, California)
 - Emotion detection: Banned in EU for most uses
- Privacy Perception & Reputational Risk
 - Madison Square Garden facial recognition scandal (2022)
 - Taylor Swift concert facial recognition outrage (2018)

AMERICA RECKONS WITH RACIAL INJUSTICE

**Boston Lawmakers Vote To Ban
Use Of Facial Recognition
Technology By The City**

JUNE 24, 2020 · 7:05 PM ET

By Ally Jarmanning

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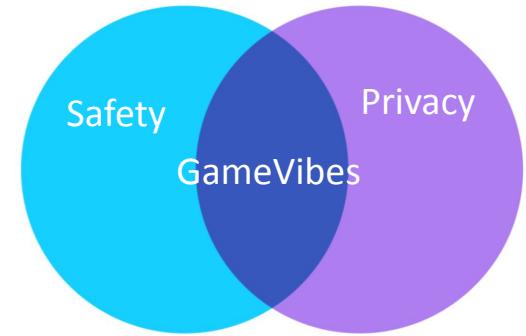
Crowd Monitoring WITHOUT the Regulatory Risk

EU alone:

- 27 countries
- ~300-500 stadiums per major country (Germany, France, UK, Italy, Spain)

US privacy-strict cities:

- 20+ cities with facial recognition bans
- Average 50-100 venues per city (including high schools, colleges, pro)



Thank You!

Any Questions?

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